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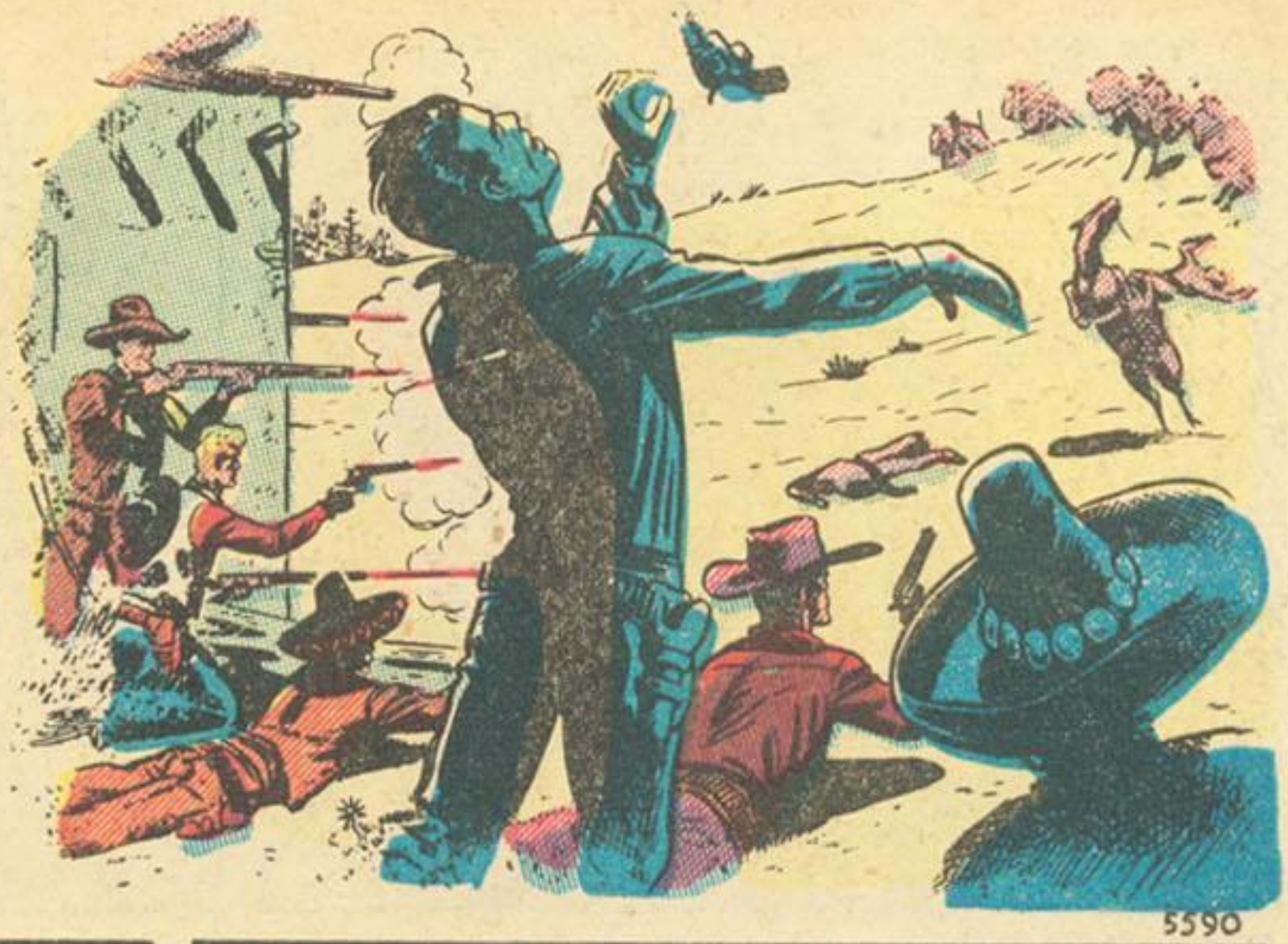

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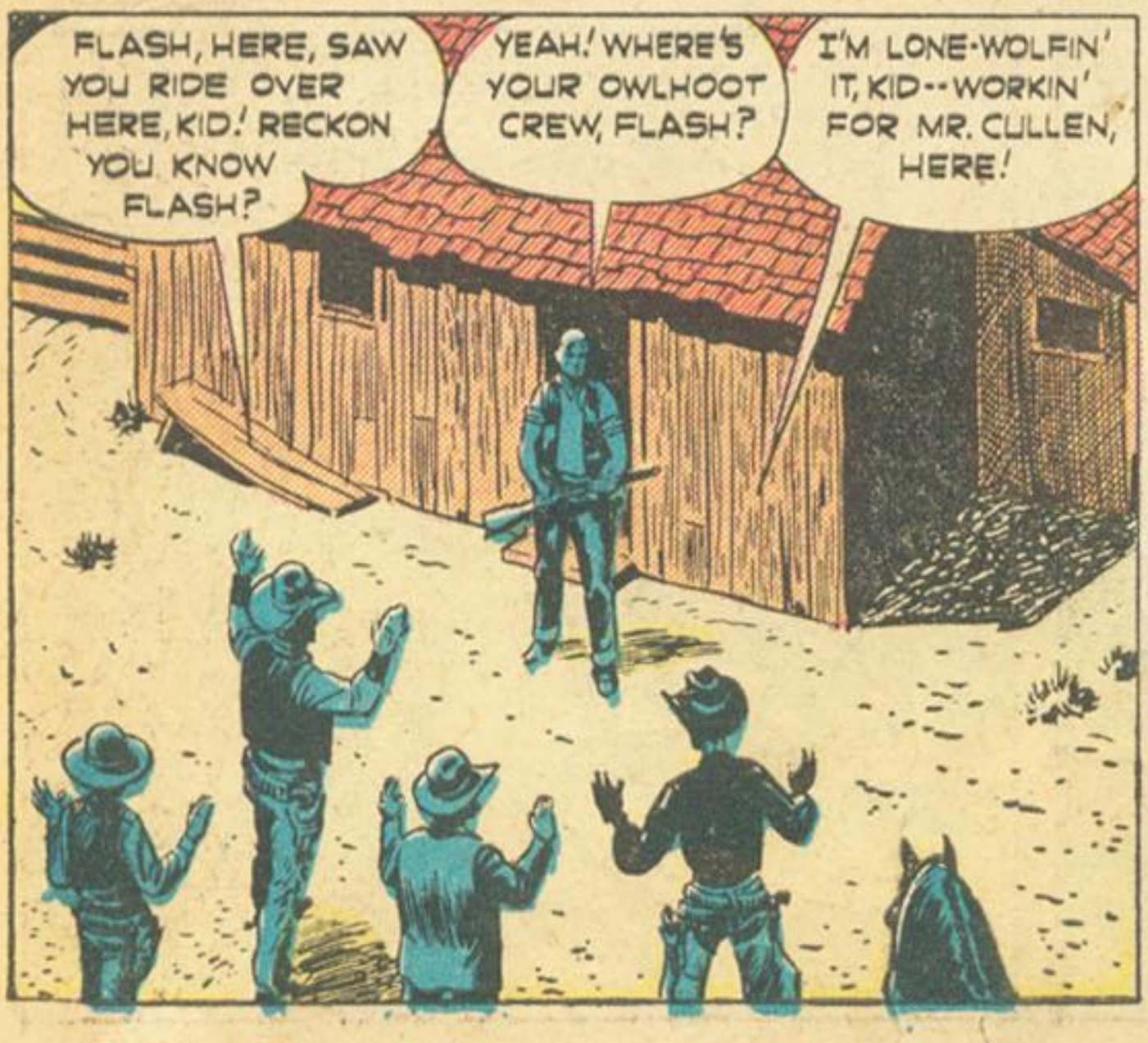
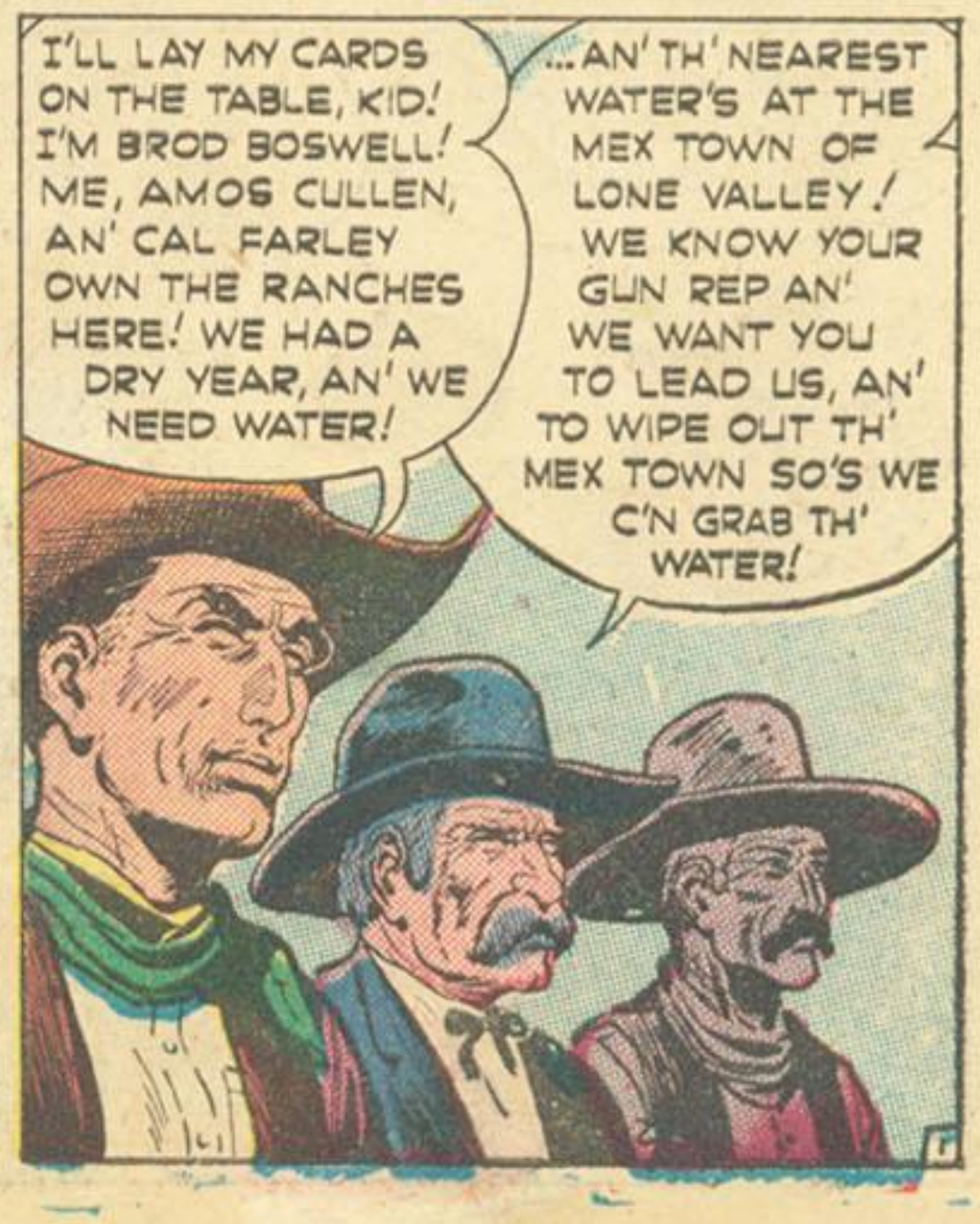
RECKON WE'LL BE SAFE HERE FOR A WHILE, STEEL! THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY LAW IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY! THE BIG CATTLE SPREADS MAKE THEIR OWN LAW!


FLASH, HERE, SAW YOU RIDE OVER HERE, KID! RECKON YOU KNOW FLASH?
YEAH! WHERE'S YOUR OWLHOOT CREW, FLASH?
I'M LONE-WOLFIN' IT, KID--WORKIN' FOR MR. CULLEN, HERE!


I'LL LAY MY CARDS ON THE TABLE, KID! I'M BROD BOSWELL! ME, AMOS CULLEN, AN' CAL FARLEY OWN THE RANCHES HERE! WE HAD A DRY YEAR, AN' WE NEED WATER!
...AN' TH' NEAREST WATER'S AT THE MEX TOWN OF LONE VALLEY! WE KNOW YOUR GUN REP AN' WE WANT YOU TO LEAD US, AN' TO WIPE OUT TH' MEX TOWN SO'S WE C'N GRAB TH' WATER!

RECKON YOU DON'T KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT ME AS YOU THINK! I'M NOT LEADING ANY BUNCH THAT PLANS TO WIPE OUT A TOWN OF INNOCENT SPANISH-AMERICANS FOR IT'S OWN SELFISH REASONS!

I TOLD YOU HE WOULDN'T! BEST GET RID OF HIM, AFORE HE SPIKES OUR PLANS!

A LITTLE SLOW, FLASH! NOW GET OUT OF HERE... ALL OF YOU!

OW!

BAM BAM!

RIDE OUT OF HERE, KID, OR WE'LL BRING THE LAW IN AFTER YOU!

THEM THAT AIN'T *WITH* US, IS *AGIN'* US!

WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE ON, STEEL! SINCE THOSE HOMBRES CAN'T BUY MY GUNS TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK, THEY'LL MAKE IT TOUGH FOR ME! WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE HORSES!

SENOR, WE AT LONG VALLEY KNOW THE RANCHERS HAVE...

LOOK OUT, AMIGO! THAT BUNCH ISN'T HERE FOR A SOCIAL VISIT!

GET TH' KID!

OHHHHHH!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT, YOU BUZZARDS!

THAT'S FLASH DORKE'S WHOLE KILLER GANG, AN' HE SAID HE WAS LONE-WOLFIN' IT... TRIED TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS HOLDIN' DOWN AN HONEST JOB WITH CULLEN! THERE'S MORE HERE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

UNDER THE DEADLY FIRE OF KID COLT, THE KILLER CREW BREAKS AND RUNS!

YOU AIN'T HEARD THE LAST OF THIS, KID! WE'LL GETCHA... GOOD!

RECKON I'D BEST RIDE THIS POOR HOMBRE BACK TO LONG VALLEY!

AND, A SHORT TIME LATER...

EET EES RAMON... MY BROTHER... DEAD!

RAMON! RAMON, MY SON!

WE KNOW THE CATTLEMEN WANT OUR WATER! WE KNOW THEY WANT YOU TO LEAD THEM! WE SENT RAMON TO TALK WEETH YOU, BUT YOU KEEL HEEM! YOU ARE WEETH CATTLEMEN! WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF YOUR GUNS! DRAW, SENOR COLT... DRAW!

NOW, WAIT! YOU'VE GOT THIS ALL WRONG!

YOU KEEL MY BROTHER! AN EYE FOR AN EYE!

LET'S GIT, STEEL! THESE PEOPLE'RE TOO WORKED UP TO TALK TO!

BAM!

WE COULD HAVE SETTLED THEES PEECEFULLY WEETH CATTLEMEN... BUT NOW WE FIGHT!

IF THOSE RANCHMEN RAID THAT TOWN THERE'LL BE A LOT OF BLOOD SPILLED! I'LL RIDE TO BOSWELL'S RANCH AND SEE IF I CAN STOP IT!

MEANWHILE, AT CAL FARLEY'S SMALL SPREAD!

I STILL DON'T LIKE THE IDEE OF SMOKIN' LONG VALLEY -- WITH ALL THOSE WOMEN AND CHILDREN THERE!

SEEMS TO ME WE OUGHTTA BE ABLE TO SETTLE IT PEACEABLY!

BUSHWHACKERS! ARRGGHHH!

THEN, A HALF HOUR LATER AT BROD BOSWELL'S RANCH!

THOSE LONG VALLEY HOMBRES JUST CUT DOWN CAL FARLEY AN' HIS PUNCHERS! I WAS ON THE RIDGE AN' COULDN'T GET DOWN TO HELP! I SEEN IT ALL...THEY BUSHWHACKED THEM...THEY DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE!

THAT'S A LIE! I JUST CAME FROM LONG VALLEY, AN' THE MEN WERE THERE... NOT AT FARLEY'S PLACE!

HE'S THROWN IN WITH THE MEXICANS-- AGAINST US!

I WENT TO LONG VALLEY TO BRING IN THE BODY OF A MEXICAN THAT FLASH AN' HIS CREW DUMPED ON MY DOORSTEP WHEN THEY ATTACKED ME! THE MEXICANS THOUGHT I'D SHOT HIM, AN THEY DROVE ME OUT!

HE'S A LIAR! BURN HIM DOWN!

HOLD ON...THERE'S A WAY HE CAN PROVE WHAT HE SAYS!

WE'LL RIDE DOWN TO LONG VALLEY AN' HE CAN RIDE IN FIRST! IF THEY SHOOT AT HIM WE'LL KNOW HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!

I'LL SCOUT AHEAD!

THAT DOESN'T GIVE ME MUCH OF A CHANCE, BUT I'LL RISK IT IF I CAN KEEP YOUR MEN FROM BRINGING WAR TO THOSE POOR PEOPLE! IF I CAN GET YOU YOUR WATER WITHOUT FIGHTING, WILL YOU GO ALONG?

WE WILL!

I TALKED TO THEM AN' THEY WON'T GIVE US WATER-- YOU KNOW THAT, BROD! THAT'S WHY WE GOTTA FIGHT! I'LL CUT OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE!

KENO, KID -- YOU GO ON ALONE FROM HERE!

SO NOW YOU COME BACK WEETH YOUR FRIENDS, HEY? WE FIGHT, YOU HEAR? WE FIGHT!

WAIT! LET ME TALK, FIRST!

EET EES TOO LATE FOR TALK!

BY GLORY, HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH! C'MON, MEN, BUT HOLD YOUR FIRE -- SOMETHIN' DON'T SMELL SO GOOD ABOUT THIS DEAL!

YOU OTHER MEN HOLD YOUR FIRE!

HOLD IT! WE WANT TO PALAVER!

WE SEND WORD WEETH SENOR CULLEN THAT YOU CAN SHARE OUR WATER, BUT YOU KEEL MY BROTHER AN' RIDE HERE WEETH GUNS!

WHAT! YOU TOLD CULLEN THAT? HE TOLD US YOU PEOPLE SAID WE COULDN'T HAVE A DROP OF WATER! WHERE'S CULLEN?

CULLEN'S GONE! DON'T YOU SEE THE SET-UP? CULLEN WANTS THE WATER AND THE RANGE ALL FOR HIMSELF... THAT'S WHY HE BROUGHT IN FLASH AN' HIS GUN CREW! HE FIGURED YOU'D KILL THESE PEOPLE AND THEN HE'D COME DOWN WITH HIS HIRED KILLERS AND KILL YOU!

WE ALL OWE YOU A HEAP, KID! WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?

THIS IS IT -- WE'LL HAVE TO JOIN FORCES AND FIGHT CULLEN AN' FLASH!

HERE THEY COME! WE ARE WITH YOU!

FAN OUT, MEN -- WE'RE OUTNUMBERED! SHOOT FAST AND DON'T MISS.. WE'VE GOT TO KEEP THEM FROM OVERRUNNING US!

BACK, MEN--BACK! WE'LL TAKE TOO MANY LOSSES THIS WAY!

POINNG!!

INTO THE WHEATFIELD, MEN!

THEY BROKE!

THEY'LL BE BACK!

THEY CAN SNEAK THROUGH THAT WHEAT PRACTICALLY INTO THE TOWN! I DON'T LIKE IT!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!... SET FIRE TO THE WHEAT AND SMOKE THEM OUT INTO THE OPEN! IT'LL MEAN THE LOSS OF YOUR WHOLE CROP, AMIGO!

EET EES THE ONLY WAY! EEF WE WAIT, IN THE NIGHT THEY WEEL COME EEN AN' WIPE US OUT!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, KID COLT AND TOMAS BRAVE THE KILLER'S FIRE IN A LAST-DITCH ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE DAY!

LET'S GO, TOMAS!

LET US HOPE WE REACH THE WHEAT BEFORE THE BULLETS REACH US!

GOOD! THERE'S ENOUGH BREEZE TO PUSH IT FAST!

THE WHEAT EES VERY DRY!

IN A FEW MINUTES THE KILLERS' SAFE COVER HAS BECOME A RANGING, FIERY TRAP!

HERE THEY COME!

POUR IT INTO THEM, MEN!

YOU WRECKED MY PLANS, YOU OUTLAW BUZZARD! I'LL KILL YOU-- KILL YOU!

HE'S MY MEAT, CULLEN!

HE'S MINE! I'LL...!

RECKON I'D BEST SETTLE THIS ARGUMENT!

"AC"

THEIR LEADERS DOWN, THE KILLER CREW LOSES HEART, AND TURNS FROM THE WITHERING FIRE!

FLASH AN' CULLEN'RE DOWN!

WHAT'RE WE FIGHTIN' FOR, THEN? I'M GETTIN' OUTTA HERE!

WE HAVE THEM ON THE RUN-- WE'VE WON!

AMIGO, YOU WON'T BE SORRY YOU SIDED US! WE'LL SEE THAT YOUR PEOPLE GET PLENTY FOOD EVEN THOUGH THE WHEAT'S GONE! WE'LL HELP YOU PLANT AGAIN, TOO!

GRACIAS, SENOR! YOU, OF COURSE, ARE WELCOME TO ALL THE WATER YOU NEED! THEES EES AS EET SHOULD BE... WE ARE ALL AMERICANS AN' NEIGHBORS, TOO!

THE KEED, HE EES GONE! THERE HE GOES! WE MUST GO TO HEEM AN' THANK HEEM FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE! HE WAS WOUNDED, TOO-- BY ME! I MUST FEEX HEES WOUND!

NO, TOMAS! HE DOESN'T WANT THANKS, AN' HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIS WOUND HIMSELF! LET HIM GO-- HIS CHORE HERE IS FINISHED! GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK, KID!

THE END

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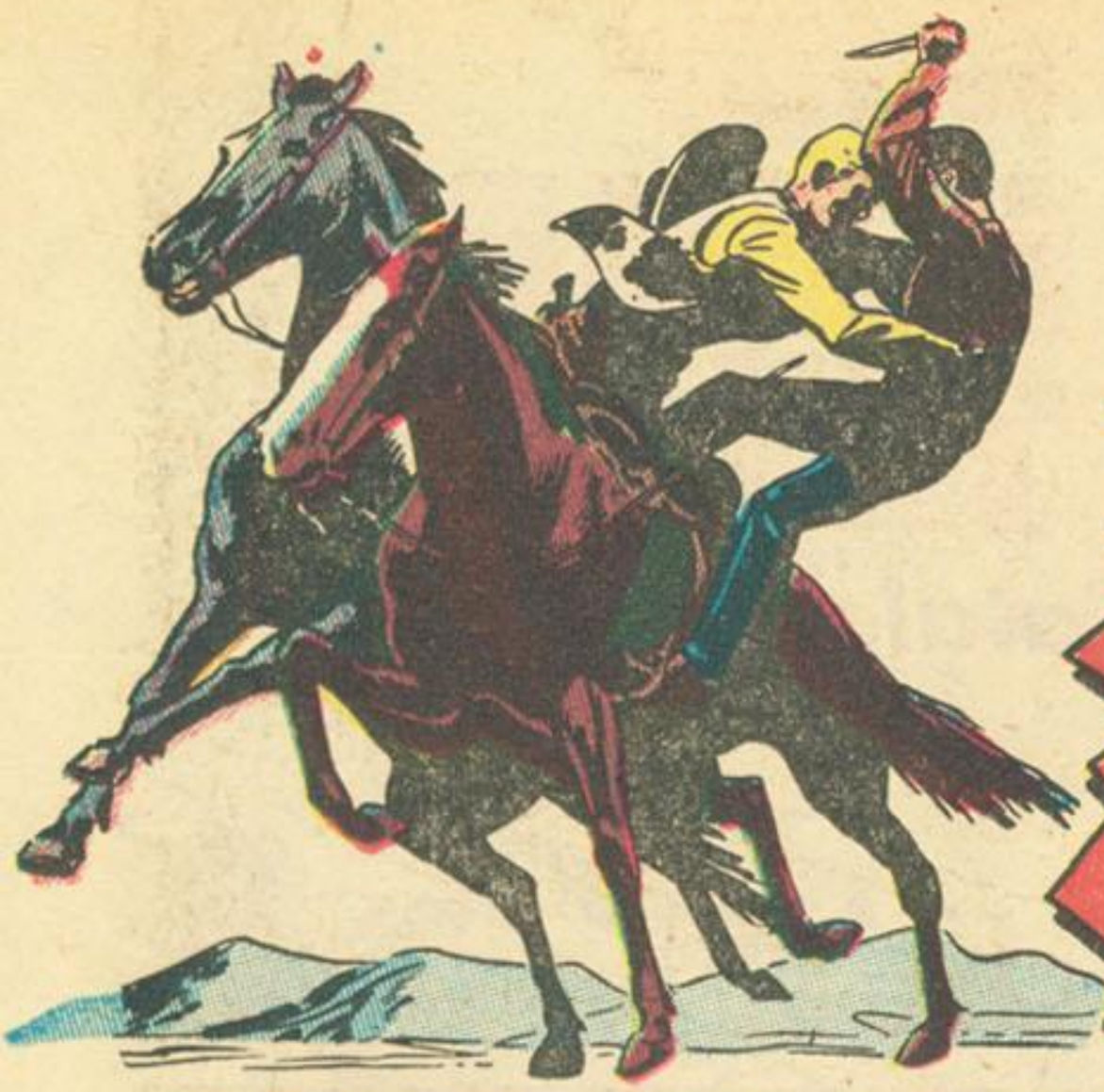

DEATH WAITS IN THE SHADOWS!

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WHEN THE TRAIN FROM THE EAST PULLED INTO ROCKY CREEK, MR. RICHARD HILTON AND HIS ATTRACTIVE DAUGHTER, HELEN, STEPPED DOWN ONTO THE WESTERN CATTLE LANDS AND INTO--ADVENTURE!

HERE WE ARE, HELEN! IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE MY BROTHER WAS KILLED AND WILLED US THE RANCH HERE!
I ONLY WISH MOTHER HAD BEEN ABLE TO COME OUT WITH US AND RIDE TO LONG GULCH RANCH!

EXCUSE ME, SIR! COULD YOU DIRECT US TO THE LONG GULCH RANCH?
LONG GULCH?! MISTER, I WOULDN'T DIRECT MY WORST ENEMY OUT THAT WAY--THAT THERE PLACE HAS THE CURSE OF DEATH ON IT!

A CURSE ON OUR RANCH? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
WILL YOU DRIVE US OUT TO LONG GULCH?
DRIVE TO LONG GULCH?...NOT ME! I WANT TO DIE OF OLD AGE AND NOT OF LEAD POISONIN'! BUT I'LL RENT YA A CARRIAGE AND POINT YA TO THE DANGED PLACE!
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JUST FOLLOW THE ROAD AND KEEP BEARIN' LEFT! BUT THERE'S STILL TIME TO RECONSIDER... ONLY BUZZARDS HOLE UP AROUND THERE!
I'M THE OWNER, AND I'M GOING TO LIVE THERE!
RECKON YA MEAN YOU'RE GONNA BE BURIED THERE!

THERE IT IS, DAD! IT CERTAINLY LOOKS OVERGROWN AND GRIM!

WE'LL FIX THAT QUICKLY! THE RANCH IS LOCATED BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAIN RANGES, AND SOMEDAY IT'LL BE WORTH A FORTUNE AS A RAIL ROUTE OR MAIN ROAD! I'M KEEPING THIS RANCH AND THE LANDS--AND WE'LL COLLECT!

LATER THAT NIGHT!

SNAP!

WELL, I'LL TURN IN NOW...WHAT WAS THAT?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DAD?

OUTSIDE! SOUNDED LIKE SOMETHING WAS MOVING AROUND OUT THERE! PROBABLY MY IMAGINATION! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

DAD!

DAD, WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU HURT?

YES... BADLY!

I'LL GET HELP!

NO TIME! HERE, TAKE THESE...THE DEED TO LONG GULCH ...NEVER... SELL...AND MY GUN... AVENGE MY DEATH...

THE NEXT DAY, AS THE OLD-TIMER HAD SAID, THEY BURIED HILTON IN LONG GULCH!!

ALL THE PEOPLE SAY IT'S THE CURSE OF DEATH THAT MARKED DAD FOR THAT BULLET! BUT DAD SAID, "STAY, AND NEVER SELL!" I'M STAYING...BUT FIRST I'D BETTER LEARN HOW TO HANDLE THAT GUN!

AS HELEN FIRED AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE ROAR OF HER GUN ECHOED THROUGH LONG GULCH... AND A HARDY RIDER CALLED KID COLT RACED TOWARD THE SHOTS TO SEE IF HELP WAS NEEDED!

RECKON THE LITTLE LADY IS CLOSIN' HER EYES BEFORE SHE PULLS THE TRIGGER! THINK I'LL HELP HER!

I HIT IT!

NICE SHOOTIN', MISS! BUT WHY ARE YOU TOTIN' A HEAVY .45 COLT? IT ISN'T EXACTLY LADYLIKE!

THIS RANCH AND THIS GUN ARE MY HERITAGE! MY FATHER WAS KILLED, AND HIS ORDERS WERE TO KEEP THIS RANCH AND AVENGE HIS DEATH!

THAT'S A BIG ORDER FOR A LITTLE GIRL!... WHO'S THIS RIDIN' UP?

HOWDY, MA'AM! I'M SPIKE LAWTON! I HEARD ABOUT THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT AND RODE OUT HERE FIGURIN' YOU'D PROBABLY BE PULLIN' OUT--AND I'D LIKE TO BUY UP THE LAND FROM YA FOR GRAZIN'!

YOU'RE WRONG, MR. LAWTON--I'M STAYING!

DON'T BE A FOOL! THERE'S A CURSE ON THIS VALLEY...IT GOT YOUR FATHER! GET OUT BEFORE YOU'RE BURIED NEXT TO HIM!

IF THERE'S A CURSE ON THIS VALLEY, HOW COME YOU'RE SO EAGER TO MOVE IN, MISTER?

LISTEN, MEDDLER, I'M A MAN! I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES WITH DEATH BUT THIS AIN'T NO PLACE FOR A WOMAN!

THEN I RECKON I'LL STAY 'ROUND THESE PARTS TILL IT BECOMES A SAFE PLACE FOR HER! THE LADY ISN'T SELLIN' -- MOVE OFF!

YOU'LL NEVER GET A COWPOKE TO WORK HERE! YOU'LL REGRET THIS!

BUT THE NEXT DAY KID COLT RETURNED WITH MEN!

KID, YOU DID GET RANCH HANDS! BUT HOW'D YOU DO IT?

ALL THESE MEN HAVE BEEN LAID OFF DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS! THEIR BOSS'S HERDS HAVE BEEN RUSTLED! I PROMISED GOOD WAGES --AND NO CURSE!

THAT NIGHT...

OKAY, MEN--BEFORE I GIVE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOMORROW--ARE WE ALL HERE?

ALL 'CEPT ANDY! HE'S GETTIN' SOME WATER DOWN YONDER BY THE CREEK!

WELL, TOMORROW WE'LL START ON THE...

SHOTS!

LOOK, IT'S ANDY!

SHOT CLEAN THROUGH THE HEART!

IT'S THE CURSE OF LONG GULCH!

I'M LEAVIN' BEFORE THEY CARRY ME OUTA HERE! THIS PLACE IS HAUNTED BY CERTAIN DEATH!

IT'S HAUNTED BY A SNEAKIN' SHOOTIN' IRON! WE'LL CATCH THE BUSHWHACKIN' LEAD-SLINGER PRONTO! MEANTIME, NO ONE LEAVES!

I'M LEAVIN'! ...OUTA MY WAY!

YOU'RE STAYIN'!

ANYONE ELSE WANT TO QUIT?

ER... NOT ME!

NO, SIR! WHUT WUZ YOU SAYIN' ABOUT TOMORROW'S WORK?

THE NEXT DAY...

THIS IS MY LAST OFFER! THERE'VE BEEN TWO DEATHS HERE...WILL YOU SELL NOW?

YOU HEARD WHAT I SAID AND WHAT MY FOREMAN SAID TWO DAYS AGO -- *NO!*

YOUR FOREMAN? HA! THAT'S A LAUGH! DO YA KNOW WHO KID COLT IS? I DONE SOME CHECKIN'! THAT MEDDLIN' POLECAT IS A...

SHUT UP, LAWTON!

I KNEW I SAW YOUR UGLY FACE BEFORE! IT WAS ON A WANTED...

I SAID -- SHUT UP!

I'LL FIX YA...

YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING!

LET'S TAKE A WALK DOWN TO THE CREEK! I WANT TO SHOW YOU HOW THE BOYS FIXED THE...

KID! LOOK BEHIND YOU!

YOU SNEAKIN' COYOTE! GIT!...BEFORE I BLAST YOU OFF THIS RANCH!

AIIIEEE!

I'LL BE BACK AND I'LL FIX YOU, KID COLT!

THAT NIGHT...

(SNIFF! SNIFF!) WHAT IN TARNATION... FIRE!

FIRE! TURN OUT!

GET WATER!

GRAB SOME BUCKETS!

KEEP FEEDIN' ME!

KID, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE ALL THE MEN OUT?

SOON AFTER, THE QUICK ACTION OF KID COLT AND THE RANCHERS DOWNED THE RAGING BLAZE!

SOMEONE'S GETTIN' MIGHTY DESPERATE TO DRIVE YOU OFF THE RANCH! THEY TRIED TO BURN DOWN THE BUNKHOUSE, AND US WITH IT! I'VE GOT A HUNCH! DO YOU HAVE A MAP OF LONG GULCH, MISS HELEN?

YES, I'LL GET IT FOR YOU!

DO YOU SEE ANYTHING?

HMM...I THINK I SEE THE REASON FOR THE "CURSE"...BUT I MIGHT BE WRONG! RECKON I'LL SCOUT 'ROUND THE VALLEY IN THE MORNIN'!

NEXT MORNING HE RETURNED AT A GALLOP FROM HIS SCOUTING...

I KNOW HOW WE CAN END THE CURSE OF LONG GULCH! WE'VE GOT TO *PULL OUT!*

LEAVE? NO! I PROMISED MY FATHER I'D STICK IT OUT, AND I WILL!

I JUST WANT IT TO SEEM LIKE YOU'VE PULLED OUT! WE'LL COME BACK--AND FOR GOOD!

ALL RIGHT, KID...TELL THE MEN TO START MOVING OFF!

LATE THE NEXT AFTERNOON...

LONG GULCH JOINS THE PASSES BETWEEN TWO HIGH RANGES! IF A MAN WANTED TO SNEAK A STOLEN HERD TO MARKET, LONG GULCH WOULD OFFER THE SAFEST ROUTE--IF NO ONE WAS LIVING THERE! THIS MORNING I SAW RECENT CATTLE TRACKS IN THE PASS! WE'RE GOIN' BACK NOW TO SEE IF ANY NEW HERD IS COMIN' THROUGH, NOW THAT WE'VE "LEFT" THE RANCH!

SOON AFTER, AS THE MEN BORE DOWN ON THE PASS AT LONG GULCH...

THERE'S BEEN A LOT O' RUSTLIN' 'ROUND THESE PARTS AN' THE STOLEN CATTLE JUST VANISH!

AND UP AHEAD THEY SEEM TO APPEAR AGAIN!

HALT! YOU'RE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY!

IT'S KID COLT AND HIS MEN, BACK AGAIN! MOVE ON AND SHOOT 'EM DOWN!

THAT'S THE RED SPOKE BRAND!

THERE'S MY OLD OUTFIT'S MARK!

RIDE DOWN ON THOSE RUSTLERS!

I'LL END YOUR MEDDLIN', COLT!

YOU DON'T SHOOT FAST ENOUGH TO HIT ME, SPIKE!

ARGH! YA GOT MY SHOOTIN' ARM! COME CLOSER...I GOT AN EIGHT-INCH BLADE WAITIN' FER YA!

BANG!

THIG IS YOUR LAST RIDE!

OKAY, SPIKE, START TALKIN'! YOU WERE THE CURSE OF LONG GULCH...AND ITS CURSE WAS ITS *LOCATION!*

YES, YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT TAKE OFF THAT GUN! I USED THE VALLEY TO SNEAK MY STOLEN HERDS TO MARKET!

THREE YEARS AGO WHEN DAVE HILTON WOULDN'T SELL ME THE RANCH, I KILLED HIM! I KILLED EVERY-ONE THAT EVER TRIED LIVIN' 'ROUND HERE... LEST THEY FIND MY SECRET ROUTE! WHEN DICK HILTON CAME TO SETTLE, I HAD TO GET RID OF HIM--I HAD A BIG HERD WAITING FOR MARKET! I HOPED HIS DEATH'D SCARE OFF HIS GIRL!

WE CAME JUST IN TIME, SHERIFF!

I AIM TO END THIS CURSE OF LONG GULCH, PRONTO! AN' I DON'T LIKE FEEDIN' RUSTLERS AND KILLERS IN MY JAIL TOO LONG!

IF YOU'RE AFTER OUTLAWS, THEN ANOTHER GUY YA WANT IS KID COLT! HE'S WANTED!

WHAT? I...CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHERE IS KID COLT?

'FRAID IT'S TRUE, MISS HILTON--COLT *IS* A WANTED MAN! AND RIGHT NOW I'M LOOKIN' FOR HIM TOO!

I WANTED TO THANK HIM FOR SAVING MY RANCH...AND *YOU* WANT TO ARREST HIM!

NO, MA'AM! I WANT TO THANK HIM TOO!

RECKON IT'S SAFER TO ACCEPT THE SHERIFF'S THANKS FROM UP HERE!

THE END

THE LADY AND EL DIABLO

"*EL DIABLO!*"

It was the 17th of April, 1880, that Tombstone, the sin town of the old wild West, first heard those words—and never forgot them.

Ed Schieffelin's discovery of silver, the year before, siphoned all the cutthroats, thieves, bandit gangs, gunmen and gamblers from the rest of the West and emptied them into the cesspool that was Tombstone.

Day and night the saloons were packed with drunken crowds. The gambling tables groaned under the weight of silver. Faro, monte, roulette, chuck-a-luck, stud poker—every game of chance known to the devil was there to dig the silver out of the pockets of the men who sweated to dig it out of the ground. Hot lead became the law in Tombstone. A man packing a brace of sixes had all the authority that was needed in a town gone mad with the lust for silver.

Like a poison mushroom, Tombstone sprouted on the edge of the desert. It grew rich and stage coaches began to carry its priceless hauls of silver out of Arizona to the rest of the world. The precious metal was loaded on wagons and mule trains and hauled out through wild country to the big cities. Bandits from every hideout in the West swarmed to the hills around Tombstone, like bees to a molasses jug.

Then one hot, blistering day a horse, hauling a wagon without a driver, came thundering down Allen Street as if it were being chased by a thousand branding irons. A quick-thinking cowboy dashed out into the street and snapped up the dragging reins and pulled the frightened animal to a halt.

A curious crowd gathered around the wagon and a woman screamed. On the floor of the wagon lay Luke Landon, with more bullet holes in him than a mining sieve. Just that morning Luke had left Tombstone with a fortune of silver on his wagon.

A young lady squeezed her way through the crowd and climbed into the wagon. She held back the tears that flooded her eyes as she gently lifted the old man's head.

"Dad. Dad, speak to me."

Luke slowly opened his tired eyes and looked up at his daughter, Kitty. He forced a smile but pain snatched it from his face, and with his last breath he gasped, "*El Diablo!*"

"The devil!" Kitty translated her father's words out loud and they spread through the crowd with the hush of a secret.

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But in her small room in the rear of Mrs. Miller's dry-goods store, Kitty Landon cared little for the "honorable code" of the badmen—the code which kept alive her father's murderer and protected him as he continued to kill and rob.

Only her eyes moved in the direction of Allen Street as the drumming of galloping hoofs and rumbling gunfire shook the building. This was El Diablo and his gang announcing their arrival for their nightly fun and relaxation after a hard day's work of murder.

Slowly Kitty walked over to where her father's gun belt hung. She looked down at the stained handles of the twin pair of six-guns sticking out of the holsters. Like magnets the guns pulled her hands up and the cool of the ivory butts sent a shiver through her frail body as she wrapped her long pale fingers around them. The guns slipped out easily and her arms dropped straight to her sides with the weight of the thunder-sticks.

She turned and stepped through the open doorway into the warm night. Through the shadows and out into the moonlight she made her way. Across

Allen Street and up the stairs of the Crystal Palace Saloon Kitty walked. Without hesitating she pushed her body against the butterfly doors and they swallowed her.

Kitty Landon stood in a gray cloud of tobacco smoke and gazed toward the bar. No one paid any attention to her until she screamed, "El Diablo!"

A short, fat Mexican at the bar turned.

"*Si,* I am she, *senorita.* El Diablo, the great *bandito,*" the Mexican smiled, showing a mouthful of gold. "An' thees are my wonderful gang." He waved his hands to the Mexicans on both sides of him.

As the crowd roared with laughter, Kitty raised both of her guns. Flame and fire blazed from both barrels and roar-blasts of thunder applauded each fiery belch. She swept her guns along the length of the bar, spraying the surprised Mexican bandits with lead before they could even start for their guns. In rapid succession Kitty pressed the triggers until the metallic click of the hammer against the empty cylinders told her that the guns were empty.

She stood there in complete silence. The crowd had long stopped laughing. The guns fell from her hands and she turned and walked out of the Crystal Palace Saloon. Slumped along the footrail of the bar, lay El Diablo and eleven of his murderous gang.

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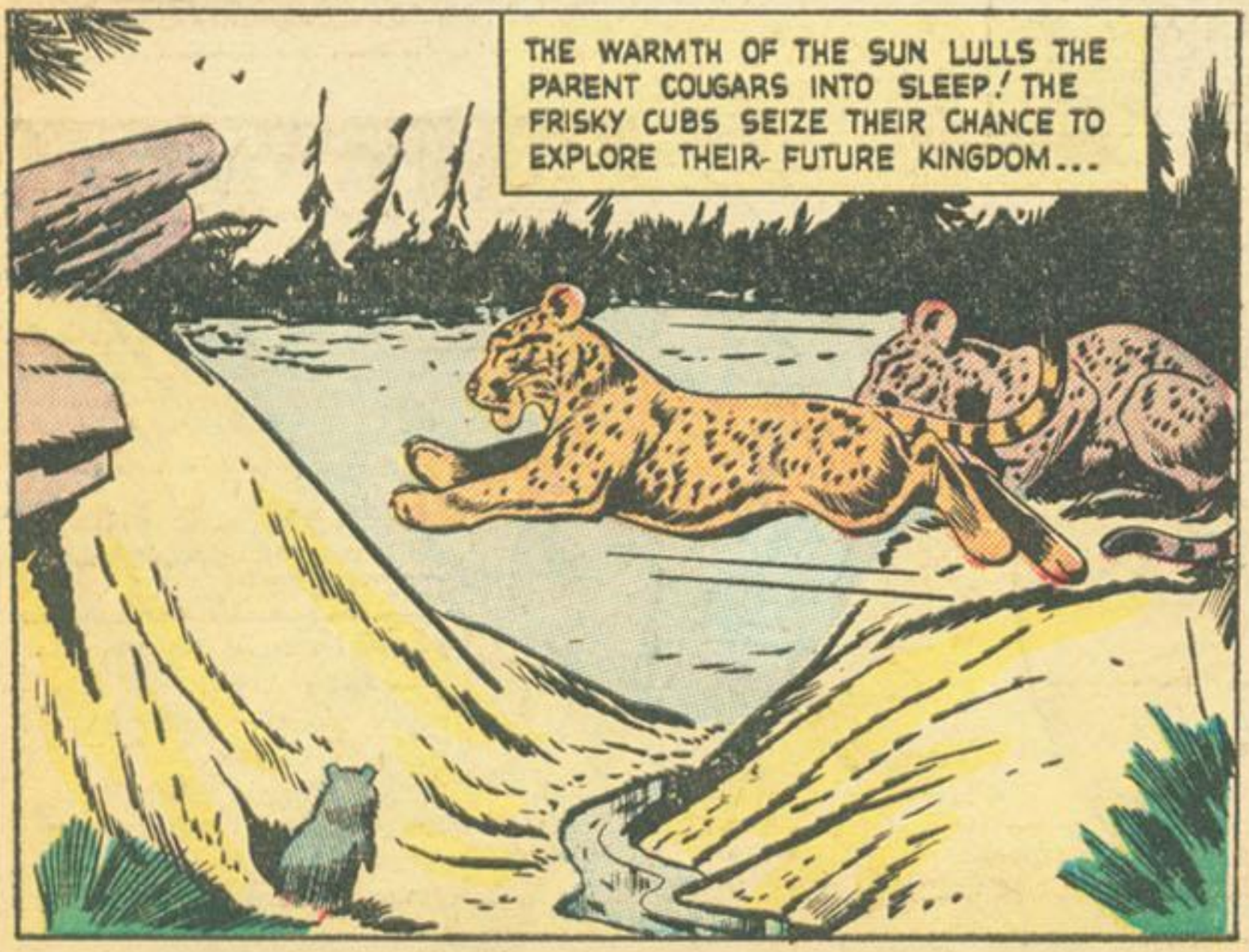
THE BIG MALE CAT, A GIANT OF HIS KIND, LOOKS OUT CONTENTEDLY UPON THE VAST RANGE! LIFE SEEMS GOOD TO NIMO, THE MOUNTAIN LION, UNDISPUTED LORD OF THE LAND, AS HE WATCHES HERDS OF HIS SUBJECTS GRAZING PEACEFULLY ON THIS CALM SUMMER'S DAY...



THE WARMTH OF THE SUN LULLS THE PARENT COUGARS INTO SLEEP! THE FRISKY CUBS SEIZE THEIR CHANCE TO EXPLORE THEIR FUTURE KINGDOM...

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ANGERED BY HIS INSOLENCE THE CUBS, WITH LOW SNARLS, SPRING UPON THE STRANGER... FOR HERE IS ONE TO BE TAUGHT RESPECT FOR THE PANTHER KINGS!

BUT EVEN AS THEY SPRING, THEIR DEFIER WHIRLS AROUND AND SLAPS HIS PRICKLY TAIL AT HIS DISMAYED ATTACKERS! WITH TERRIFIED YELPS THE CUBS DASH FOR HOME -- WITH QUILLS OF THE DOUGHTY PORCUPINE STICKING IN THEIR HIDES!

BACK TO MOTHER GO THE WHIMPERING CUBS! THEY SHIVER AS SHE GENTLY PLUCKS OUT THE PAINFUL BARBS...

AROUSED FROM HIS LAZY NAP BY THE CRIES OF THE CUBS, THE BIG MALE PANTHER STRETCHES AND DECIDES TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND HIS DOMAIN!

AS HE STALKS FORTH HE GLIMPSES A PAIR OF BIG-HORN SHEEP POISED ON A NEARBY CLIFF! FORTUNATELY FOR THE SHEEP, THE KING FEELS NO HUNGER -- AT THE MOMENT!

SOME MILES TO THE SOUTH THE GREAT WHITE TOPS OF A CIRCUS DRAW THE CITIZENS FROM MILES AROUND! THE DRUMS ROLL AS THE BIG SHOW GETS UNDER WAY...

UNDER ONE OF THE CANVAS TOPS A GAUDY WAGON CAGES A MAGNIFICENT BENGAL TIGER! THE BIG STRIPED CAT CEASELESSLY PACES BACK AND FORTH AS HE SAVAGELY GROWLS HIS HATRED OF ALL MANKIND!

THOUGH GROWN OLD NOW IN HIS LONG CAPTIVITY, THE ORANGE AND BLACK CAT IS STILL AN AWESOME SIGHT AS HE RUMBLES OUT HIS BURNING DISPLEASURE AT HIS FATE...

'HE AGED TIGER DIMLY RECALLS LIFE IN A FARAWAY LAND -- HIS HOME IN THE STEAMY JUNGLES OF INDIA! THERE HE ROAMED AS HE WILLED AND NONE DARED TO CROSS THE MONARCH'S PATH UNTIL, ONE DAY, A HUNTER'S BULLET CRIPPLED HIM...

ZING!

THE CRIPPLED KING WAS FORCED TO TURN FOR FOOD TOWARD THE WEAKEST AND SLOWEST OF THE FOREST DWELLERS -- MAN!

BUT THE CANNY NATIVES TRAPPED THE KILLER! A CIRCUS DEALER SAVED HIM FROM DEATH AND BROUGHT THE BENGAL TO THIS STRANGE CIRCUS LIFE...

BUT FATE IS WORKING FOR HIM WHEN A DRUNKEN CIRCUS HAND IS ORDERED OFF THE GROUNDS BY THE GANG BOSS!

WITH THE COMING OF NIGHT, THE DISCHARGED DRUNKARD, SWEARING REVENGE, STEALS INTO THE CIRCUS GROUNDS AND RUTHLESSLY UNBOLTS THE CAGE DOOR OF THE EAGER BENGAL TIGER!

THE BIG CAT QUICKLY SEIZES THIS CHANCE FOR FREEDOM! QUICKLY HE SHOVES OPEN THE BARRED DOOR AND LEAPS OUT INTO THE NIGHT, AWAY AT LAST FROM HIS HATED HOME!

UNNOTICED, THE STRIPED KILLER SLIPS FROM THE SLEEPING CAMP! INSTINCTIVELY HE HEADS FOR THE NEARBY DENSE WOODLANDS...

SLINKING THROUGH THE STRANGE FOREST FOR HOURS, THE GREAT CAT PUTS DISTANCE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE CIRCUS -- AND HEADS INTO THE DOMAIN OF NIMO THE PANTHER! SUDDENLY A TWIG SNAPS...

...AND A STARTLED RABBIT BOUNDS OUT OF THE BRUSH! HUNGRY NOW, THE BENGAL SPRINGS UPON THE FLEEING BUNNY, BUT THE LONG CONFINEMENT HAS ROBBED HIM OF HIS OLD POWERS -- THE RABBIT DODGES SAFELY AWAY! AGE AND CAPTIVITY HAVE TAKEN THEIR TOLL OF THE ONCE MIGHTY SINEWS... THE MUSCLES HAVE GROWN SOFT!

THE ENRAGED SNARLS OF THE DISAPPOINTED TIGER REACH THE KEEN EARS OF ANOTHER FOREST KING! NIMO, INSTANTLY ALERT, TESTS THE MORNING AIR, AND THE STRANGE SCENT OF THE HUNTING TIGER REACHES HIS QUIVERING NOSTRILS!

HUNGER WEAKENS THE JUNGLE LORD FURTHER, AND ITS BITTER PANGS MAKE HIM DESPERATE! SUDDENLY THE TIGER COMES UPON A HERD OF GRAZING COW PONIES FROM THE NEARBY BAR-K RANCH! FORGETTING HIS STALKING CRAFT OF LONG AGO, THE FURIOUS TIGER RUSHES THE HERD -- AND ONCE AGAIN MISSES HIS MARK, AS THE PONIES THUNDER AWAY!

AND THE DESPERATE HUNTER IS BEING HUNTED... HUNTED BY A SMALLER CAT! BUT NIMO'S SINEWS ARE STEEL-LIKE FROM YEARS ON THE MOUNTAIN RANGE... AND HIS HEART KNOWS NO FEAR AS HE STALKS HIS BIGGER RIVAL!

THEN NIMO SEES ANOTHER VISITOR! THE DAUGHTER OF THE OWNER OF THE BAR-K RANCH RIDES UP TO FIND THE CAUSE OF THE PONIES' WILD STAMPEDE -- UNAWARE THAT A PAIR OF COLD, CRUEL EYES ARE NOW FOCUSED UPON HER!

NEARER THE UNSUSPECTING GIRL RIDES TO THE CROUCHING MONSTER! HIS LONG, STRIPED BODY QUIVERS AS HE GAGES THE DISTANCE TO THIS -- HIS PREY OF OLD -- *MAN!*

GATHERING HIMSELF, THE OLD KILLER SPRINGS AT THE STARTLED GIRL! DESPERATELY SHE WHIPS OUT HER GUN AND FIRES AT THE ONCOMING TIGER... THE LEAD GRAZES THE BIG CAT BUT FAILS TO STOP HIS FIERCE CHARGE! WITH A SAVAGE SNARL HE CLOSES THE DISTANCE...

BUT NIMO, THE MOUNTAIN LION, HAS REACHED THE SCENE! THOUGH A GIANT OF HIS KIND, THE COUGAR IS FAR OUTWEIGHED BY THE JUNGLE BEAST! UNDAUNTED, THE FEARLESS PANTHER LAUNCHES HIS 250 POUNDS OF SOLID MUSCLE AT THE CHARGING TIGER...

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THE AWED GIRL TURNS TO SEE HER FATHER AND SEVERAL COWHANDS RIDE UP! THE READY GUNS OF THE MEN ARE STILLED AS THE GIRL DEMANDS NIMO'S LIFE BE SPARED...

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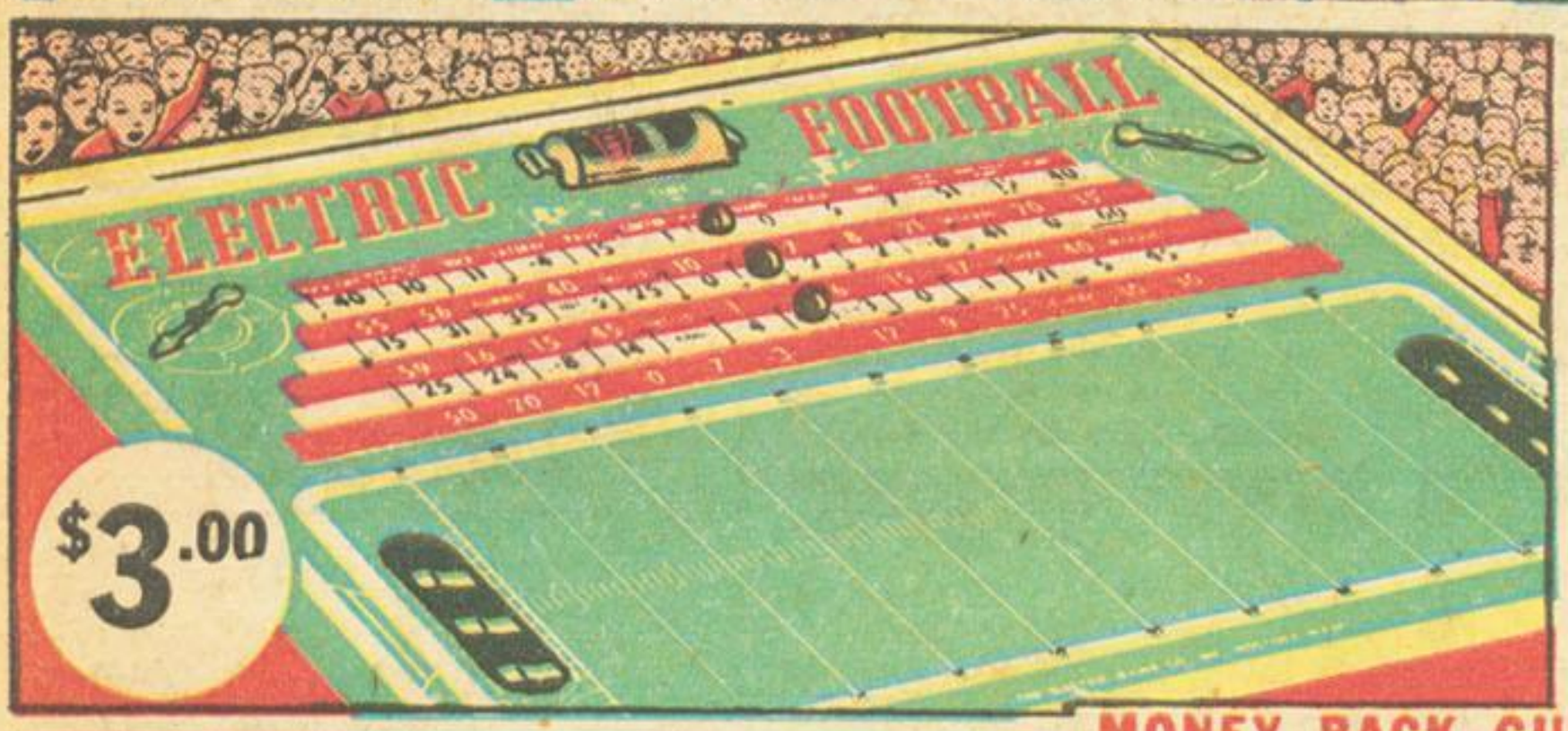

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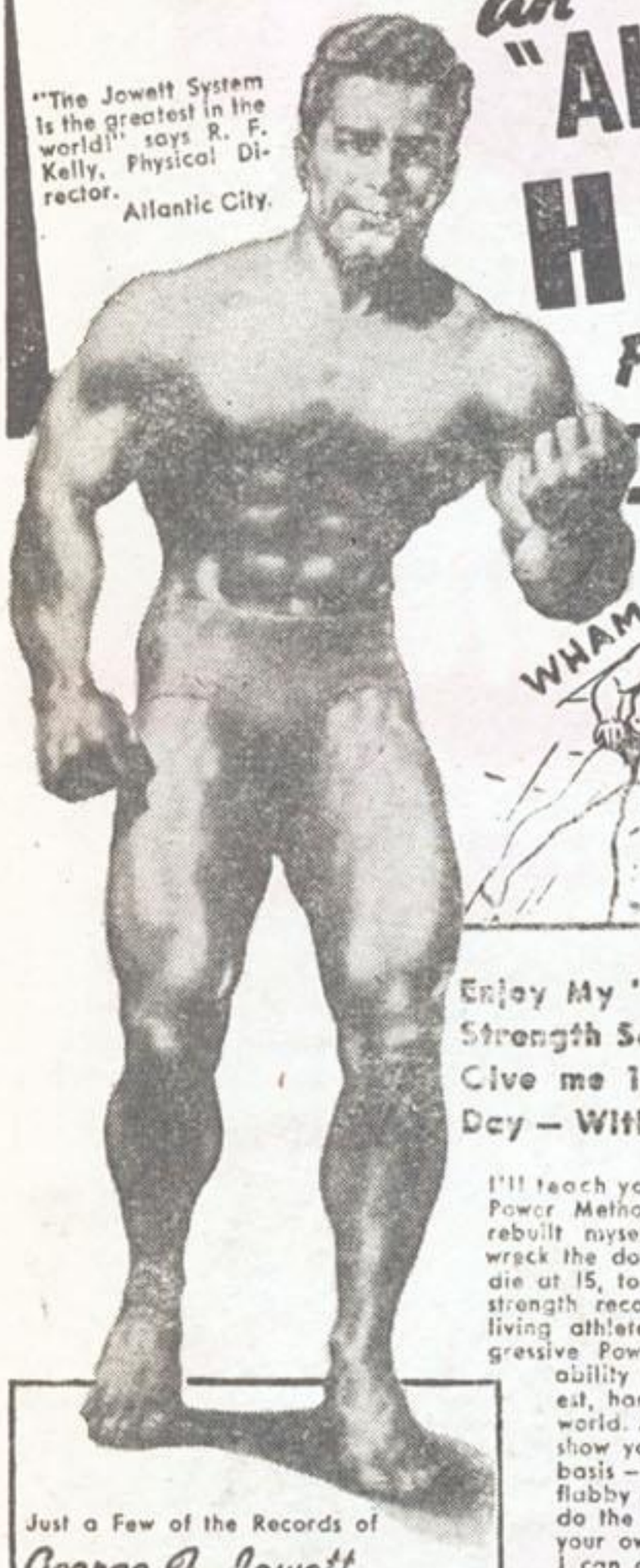

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